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Mr. Robert D. Lynn
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Dear Mr. Lynn:

March 30 I inspected the Jackpile-Paguate Mine to verify implementation of the temporary abandonment requirements contained in my January 22 letter. Only requirements 2b and 11 have not been satisfied.

Requirement 2b requested the installation of fencing and/or a locked gate across the road between Dump 6B and natural ground to the north (see enclosed map). A locked gate has been placed across this road farther north, east of Dump G (north of the Woodrow Mine); however, this will not prevent access into the Jackpile area due to the road on the northeast side of Dump 6B. Please install adequate fencing and/or a locked gate across the road between Dump 6B and the natural ground to the north.

Requirement 11 called for continuing the exploration borehole abandonment and reclamation program. March 10 you advised me that the actual abandonment and reclamation activities would cease until approval of a reclamation plan for the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. Since this program began prior to, and is not a subject of, the Jackpile-Paguate EIS, I believe that it should continue during preparation of the EIS. I would appreciate receiving your reasons for discontinuing the program at this time.

There seems to have been a misunderstanding about temporary abandonment of the ventilation shafts at the underground mines (requirements 2c and 10). February 24 I understood that all surface fans would remain in place until this office authorized removal and that two or three fans at the P-10 Mine would remain indefinitely to ventilate the decline. During my inspection, I was informed that all fans except the three used to ventilate the P-10 decline have been removed. I do not believe that this is a serious mistake, but the fans must not be removed from the leaseholds pursuant to requirement 6 and our

agreement on resolution of the performance bond. Also, in regard to requirement 10, I would like to confirm our March 25 agreement that Anaconda will continue pumping water from the P-10 and P-13 Mines until May 25.

Thank you for your cooperation in the temporary abandonment of the Jackpile-Paguete Mine. If you have any questions about any of the requirements, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SSM 1015 11)

Dale C. Jones
District Mining Supervisor

Enclosure (1 map)

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